

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A method of indelibly marking a tamper-proof or tamper-evident label which includes a substrate and an adhesive layer, the method characterised in that including applying a marking of the label is applied to the adhesive layer of the label with the resultant marking being visible through the substrate, wherein the marking is applied by one of:

- a) hot-wax ink-jet printing; and
- b) a laser marking process in which the adhesive layer of the label includes a pigment or additive of a suitable type to effect or enhance the marking in the adhesive layer.

25-26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim [[25]] 24, wherein the marking is applied by a laser marking is achieved by process using a green light laser or CO<sub>2</sub> based laser.

28-29. (canceled)

30. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein at least part of the marking is applied in a mirror or reverse image of that which is to be visible and readable through the substrate.

31. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim [[25]] 24 wherein marking occurs during relative movement between the label and means for applying the marking.

32. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the marking applies one or more text, alpha/numeric indicia, official seals, logos and graphical representations.

33. (currently amended) A label formed by a clear or transparent substrate to one surface of which is applied an adhesive layer, marking applied to the adhesive layer by the method of claim 24 and being visible through the substrate, said substrate being transparent or translucent.

34. (previously presented) A label as claimed in claim 33 wherein the label is in the form of a tape.

35. (previously presented) A label as claimed in claim 34 wherein the adhesive layer is a rubber based adhesive.

36. (canceled)

37. (previously presented) A label as claimed in claim 33 wherein the substrate is transparent or translucent and formed from polypropylene material.

38-41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) A label as claimed in claim 33 wherein a pigment or adhesive additive is included in the adhesive layer.

43. (previously presented) A label as claimed in claim 33 wherein the label further includes one or more weakened portions or areas.

44. (new) The method as claimed in claim 24 including forming one or more weakened portions or areas on the label.

45. (new) A method of labelling a package including indelibly marking a label by the method of claim 24 and immediately after marking the label applying the label to a package.

46. (new) The method as claimed in claim 45 wherein the label is in the form of a tape which also serves to seal the package.

47. (new) The method as claimed in claim 45 including forming one or more weakened portions or areas on the label before applying it to the package.